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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith on February 15, 2001
For: **Method, System and Computer Program Product for Scheduling
Upstream Communications**

Inventor(s): Sala *et al.*

Our Ref: 1875.0440002

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Method, System and Computer Program Product for Scheduling Upstream Communications

and naming as inventor(s): Dolors Sala
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the application comprising:

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- a. specification containing:
 - i. 18 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 2 pages of claims (10 claims, 1 independent);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 4 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3, 4A and 4B);
3. Authorization to Treat a Reply as Incorporating an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney Docket No. 1875.0440002

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.

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 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]

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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
 10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
 (when there is an assignee)
 11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
 12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
 Citations
 13. Preliminary Amendment
 14. Two Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)
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 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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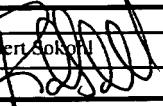
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